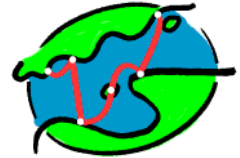

PETIT BATEAU 2005

NEWSLETTER

SINGLE-HANDED CHANNEL RACE WEEK



Newsletter 2

March 2005

Less than 3 months before the start of PB2005 and if you're anything like me you're rushing around trying to get all those jobs finished on the boat so it can be launched ready for another great season of sailing. The PB2005 race is shaping up to be another classic milestone in single-handed yacht racing.

We have now surpassed our maximum entry limit of 25 boats and have started a waiting list.

It's good to see there are a lot of different types of boats but all with good potential to do well in their respective classes: this should lead to some exciting racing, especially with the J boats where we have five entered and every one a different design. I can see a few needle matches here.

Classes

We have a number of boats that are less than 30 feet in length and have therefore decided to include an extra open class 3 for boats of this size.

Insurance

Just to confirm that the requirement for third party insurance cover has now changed from £2,000,000 to €2,000,000.

Stopover arrangements

Dinner has been booked at the local yacht club at each stopover. It is hoped that everyone will be able to attend as on each occasion we will be announcing leg results and awarding interim prizes. This will be a chance for us to be together, talk over the day's events and discuss the *what-ifs* and *what-could-have-beens* of the day's racing. There will be a charge for dinner and berthing at each stopover as this is not included in the entry fee.

Round the Island Race

Anyone wanting to enter the Round the Island race the day before will find all details at www.roundtheisland.org.uk. If you have never entered this race it should be on your to-do list as there are usually around 1,800 boats of all shapes and sizes and is a great day out. We could enter a PB2005 team if we can get at least 3 boats. Anyone who is interested in either entering their boat or looking to crew on someone else's boat, please get in touch with me at paulpeggs@hotmail.com and I will try to get you paired up. I will probably enter my boat where there will be a few crewing spots available. The only thing we have to be aware of is that the PB2005 race briefing will start at the Royal Lympington YC at 1900hrs, so we cannot miss this.

Registration, race briefing and dinner at Royal Lympington YC

Registration and race briefing will be held at Royal Lympington YC in the early evening of Saturday 18th June followed by dinner at 20:00 hrs.

Dinner will be reserved for each skipper but to save disappointment can you please let me know by 1st June if you will be unable to attend or if you would like an extra place for your wife, girlfriend, boyfriend or mistress. Payment can be made at dinner. A fixed menu is planned so if anyone prefers a vegetarian dish can they please also let me know.

Berths will be reserved at Lympington Yacht Haven on 18th June with a 10% discount having been negotiated from the normal £2.70 per metre per day. This price is also available on the 17th but you will need to pre-book yourself in plenty of time with it being RTI race day. Please be aware that the complete length of your boat (including pulpit, pushpit and any other appendages) is used to calculate the berthing charge at LYH.

Royal Lympington YC is just a short walk away. We plan to start at 08:00 hrs on Sunday 19th and you will need to leave the marina at least 1 hour before the start.

Useful website

Details and pictures of some of the stopover ports with especially good information on entering Treguier can be found at:

www.channelpilot.info

Deposits and Entry Fees

There are still a few of you who need to pay their deposits for the race, can these people please make sure this is done by April 1st otherwise I will assume you have decided not to enter and you will be taken off the entry list.

There are already people on the waiting list ready to take your place.

Also there are a few of you who have not sent in pictures and CVs – we are planning to have a race programme printed so we need these as soon as possible too.

Please also remember for those of you who have only paid £50 deposit the remainder of the entry fee is due by the 1st May, which is not far away.

Payment details

Cheques made payable to:

"Racing at Petit Bateau Ltd" and sent to:

Paul Peggs
17 Stanley Road
Whitstable
Kent
CT5 4 NJ

Or by bank transfer to:

Account Name : Racing at Petit Bateau Ltd
Account number: 03982240
Sort code: 30-91-60
IBAN Number: GB33 LOYD 3091 6003 9822 40
BIC Number: LOYDGB21060

First Party Invite

a note from Herman

Hi folks

It seems that PB is almost completed for 2005.

It is a wonderful list. Especially for me as a skipper of a 28 spirit. So we will compete together. Makes it more interesting. You know, small is beautiful.

Looking forward to meet you all in Lymington. But to have a beer on my boat, you haven't to prove that your size is in between 28 foot.

Looking forward,

Cheers

Herman

Moorings

Some of you have asked where you can moor your boats before the start of the event so I have put together a list of marinas and moorings around the Solent with some price guides. If anyone knows of any more at reasonable value, please let me know.

Solent Area Harbour Charges

(prices shown are the daily cost for an 11 metre yacht)

PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR

Haslar Marina £2.50 per m £27.50
Ch 80, Tel 023 9260 1201

Gosport Marina £2.30 per m £25.30
Ch 80, 023 9252 4811 www.cnmarinas.com

Royal Clarence Marina £20.00
Tel 023 9252 3810 www.royalclarencemarina.co.uk

HAMBLE RIVER

Hamble Point Marina Tel 02380 452464
Port Hamble Marina Tel 02380 452741
Mercury Marina Tel 02380 455994
All £2.70 per m £29.70
Ch 80 www.mdlmarinas.co.uk

Pontoon mooring, middle of river £1.50 per m £16.50
Pile moorings in the middle of river £0.50 per m £5.50
Note river taxis are available during the day

Ch 68, Tel. 01489 576387
www.hants.gov.uk/leisure/coast/harbours/hamble

SOUTHAMPTON

Ocean village marina Tel 023 8022 9385
Shamrock Quay Marina Tel 023 8022 9461
Hythe Marina Tel 023 8020 7073
All £2.70 per m £29.70
Ch 80 www.mdlmarinas.co.uk

LYMINGTON

Lymington Yacht Haven Tel 01590 677071
£2.70 per m £29.70
Ch 80 www.yachthavens.com

Berthon Lymington Marina Tel 01590 673312
77p per foot = £27.70 per day or £136.80 per week
(£19.80 per day)
Ch 80, www.berthongroup.co.uk/marina/intro.html

LANGSTONE HARBOUR

small harbour just before the Solent

Southsea marina £1.50 per m £16.50
Ch 80, Tel 023 9282 2719 www.premiermarinas.com



**Petit Bateau 2004 Leg Two winners are presented with prizes
at Gijon by the Lady Mayoress**

Mary Falk (UK), Olivier Desport (F), Michel Kleinjans (B), and Ronny Nollet (B)
(3 OSTAR class winners & 1 Mini-Transat winner)